



## PUBLIC FORUM NOTICE TO CALTRANS CONTRACTING COMMUNITY and INTERESTED PARTIES

The California Department of Transportation (Department) is required by a recent Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling to consider amending its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program goals for all federally funded projects. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision, Western States Paving Co., Inc. v. Washington Department of Transportation et al., has established new evidentiary standards necessary to constitutionally support the use of race-conscious DBE goals such as those currently used by the Department. The decision is binding on the states within its jurisdiction, including California.

The Department is hosting a public comment forum to allow the Department to consult with all contractors, minority, women's and general contractor groups, community organizations and other organizations, which could be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses and the effect of discrimination on opportunities for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.45 (g), the Department invites maximum public participation and solicits comments, invites the submission of evidence and information that may support the use of mixed components of race-conscious and race-neutral measures to achieve the overall goal.

After consideration of comments received during the 45-day public comment period, the Department will determine whether it is able to continue with any level of race-conscious program this federal fiscal year or whether it is necessary to revise the goals to state the specified level of DBE participation will be achieved solely by race-neutral measures.

**You are invited to attend the Department's Public Comment Forum; please come prepared. Your comments and submission of evidence are very important. The events will be held at the following locations:**

| DISTRICTS         | DISTRICT CONTACTS   | DATE & TIME                        | LOCATIONS   |
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| <b>1- Eureka</b>  | Brenda Bowie<br>brenda_bowie@dot.ca.gov<br>(707) 441-5814 | 1/27/2006<br>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Dept. of Transportation<br>1656 Union Street<br>Room 59<br>Eureka, CA 95501             |
| <b>2- Redding</b> | Kim Newman<br>kim_newman@dot.ca.gov<br>(530) 229-0510     | 1/24/2006<br>1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.  | Dept. Of Transportation<br>4300 Caterpillar Road,<br>Redding, CA 96003                  |
| <b>4- Oakland</b> | Ruby Louie<br>ruby_louie@dot.ca.gov<br>(510) 286-5898     | 1/10/2006<br>1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.   | Dept. of Transportation<br>111 Grand Ave<br>District 04 Auditorium<br>Oakland, CA 94623 |



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| 5- San Luis Obispo         | Gillian McCallum<br>gillian_mccallum@dot.ca.gov<br>(805) 549-3037   | 1/26/2006<br>2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.. | Atoll Business Center<br>1150 Laurel Lane,<br>Manzanita Room<br>San Luis Obispo, CA 93401                      |
| 6- Fresno                  | Pam Gentleman<br>pam_gentleman@dot.ca.gov<br>(559) 445-6925         | 1/17/2006<br>1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.   | Dept. of Transportation<br>Manchester Mall<br>2016 E. Shields<br>Ste. 100<br>Fresno, CA 93726                  |
| 7- Los Angeles             | Norma Dorsey<br>norma_dorsey@dot.ca.gov<br>(213) 897-6107           | 1/23/06<br>1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.    | Dept. of Transportation<br>1st Floor Conference Room<br>100 South Main St.<br>Los Angeles, CA 98812            |
| 8- San Bernardino          | Vickie Griffin<br>vickie_griffin@dot.ca.gov<br>(909) 383-1937       | 1/13/2006<br>1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.  | Dept. of Transportation<br>655 W. 2nd Street<br>Room 201<br>San Bernardino, CA 92401                           |
| 9- Bishop                  | Denise Green<br>denise_green@dot.ca.gov<br>(760) 872-0752           | 1/24/2006<br>1:30p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  | Kerr-McGee Community<br>Center, 100 West California<br>Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA 93555                            |
| 10- Stockton               | Zelie Nogueira<br>zelie_nogueira@dot.ca.gov<br>(209) 948-3930       | 1/11/06<br>1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.     | State Building<br>31 East Channel<br>Stockton, CA 95202  |
| 11- San Diego              | Nellie Richardson<br>nellie_richardson@dot.ca.gov<br>(858) 616-6507 | 1/24/2006<br>9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.   | Four Points Sheraton<br>8110 Aero Drive<br>San Diego, CA 92123   |
| 12- Irvine                 | Nancy Mogote<br>nancy_mogote@dot.ca.gov<br>(949) 724-2021           | 1/25/2006<br>6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.  | Dept. of Transportation<br>3347 Michelson Drive,<br>Rm C1165<br>Irvine, CA 92612                               |
| Headquarters<br>Sacramento | Janice Salais<br>janice_salais@dot.ca.gov<br>(916) 324-0841         | 1/12/2006<br>1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.  | Dept. of Transportation<br>Farmers Market III, 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl.<br>1801 30th Street<br>Sacramento, CA 95816 |

With respect to proposed changes on the DBE participation percentages, the goal and its rationale are available. For a copy of the proposed goals and methodology, contact the Department at the toll free number (866) 810-6346 or (916) 324-8400 or by email: [smallbusinessadvocate@dot.ca.gov](mailto:smallbusinessadvocate@dot.ca.gov).

The goal and its rationale are also available for inspection during normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Written comments are to be addressed to California Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights, 1823 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, California 95814, Attention: DBE Program Manager. The Department will accept comments on the goal until 4:00 p.m. on February 3, 2006.

For updates on the Public Comment Forum dates and locations call the DBE Program Manager at (866) 810-6346.